

FIG. 1
(PRIOR ART)

The diagrams show the progression of drawing a lowercase letter 'a' on a set of three horizontal guidelines (top, middle, and bottom).
 1. A vertical line is drawn from the middle line to the bottom line.
 2. A counter-clockwise curve starts from the middle of the vertical line, touching the top and bottom lines.
 3. The curve is extended further, still touching the top and bottom lines.
 4. The curve is extended even further, touching the top and bottom lines.
 5. The curve is extended to its final shape, touching the top and bottom lines.
 6. A small vertical tick mark is added at the top of the curve.
 7. The final, completed letter 'a' is shown.

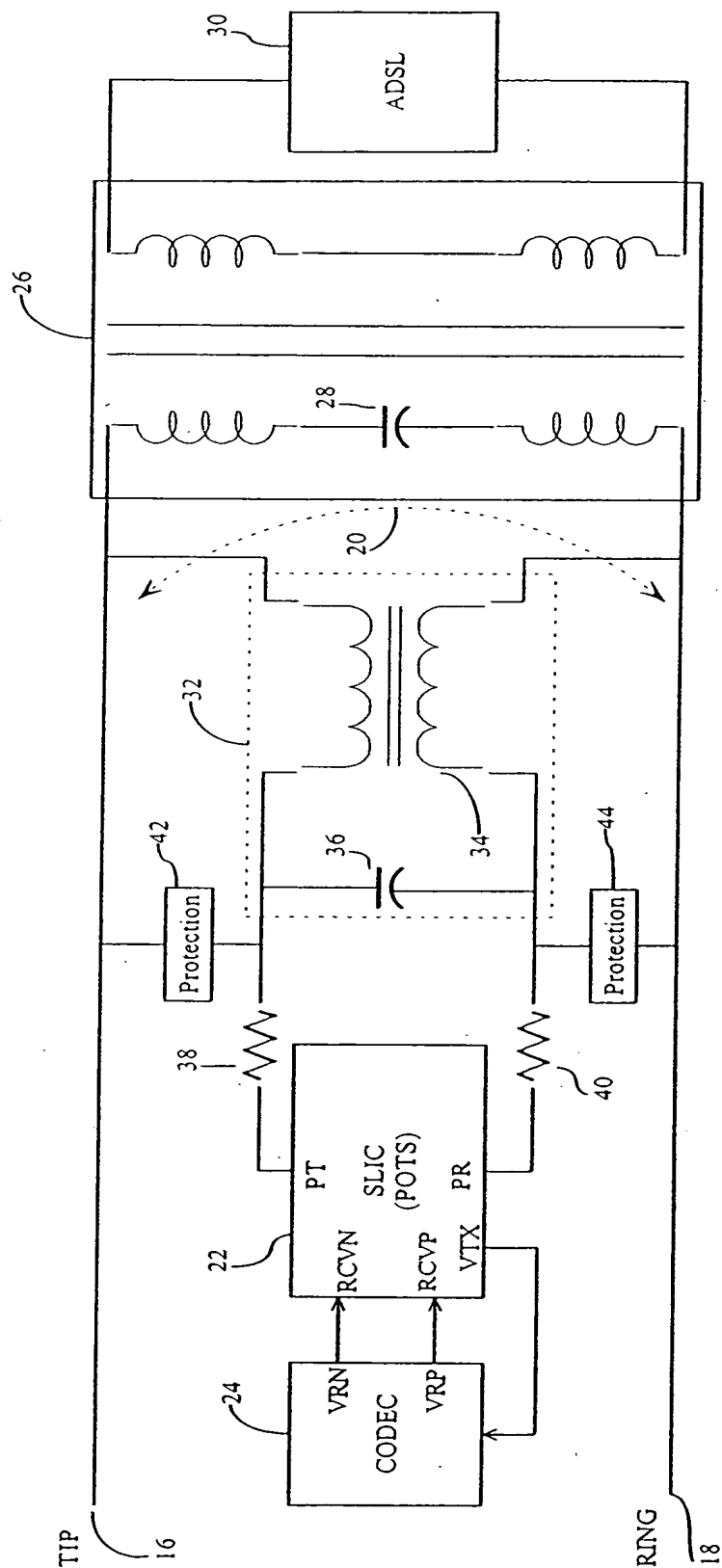


FIG. 2
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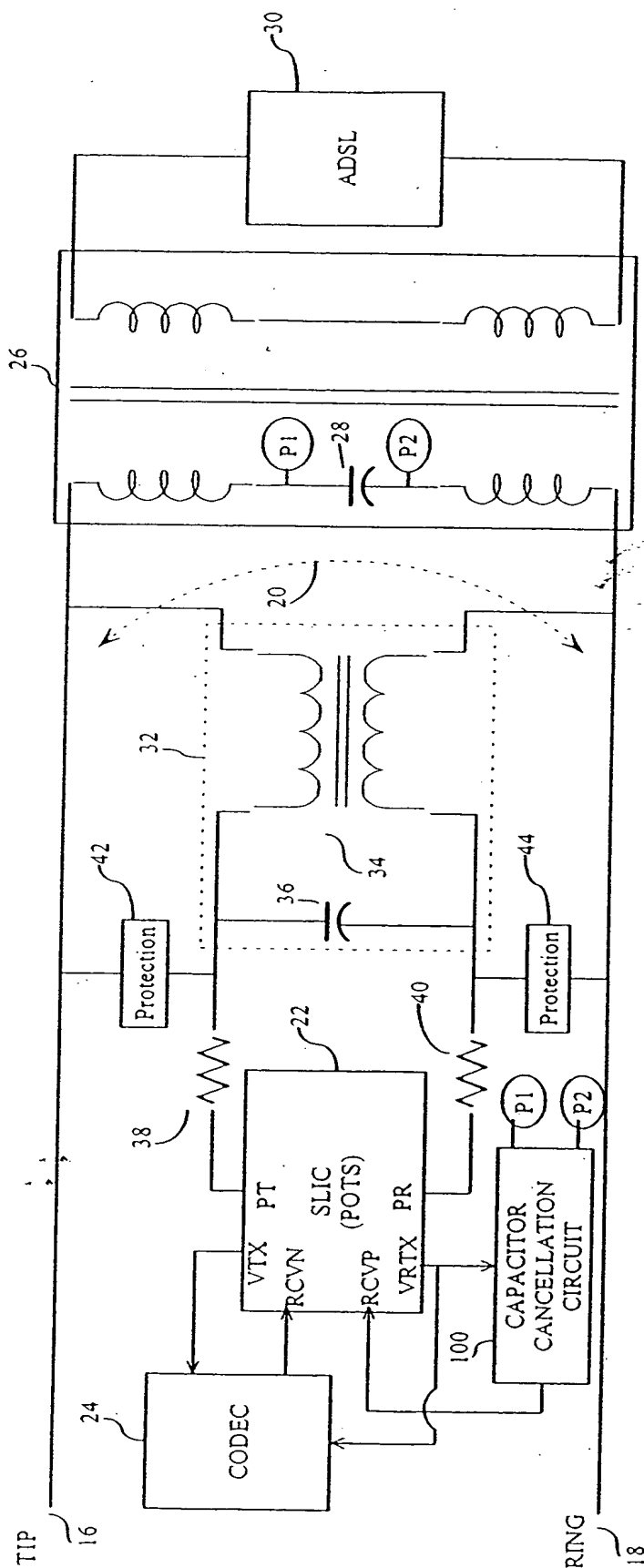
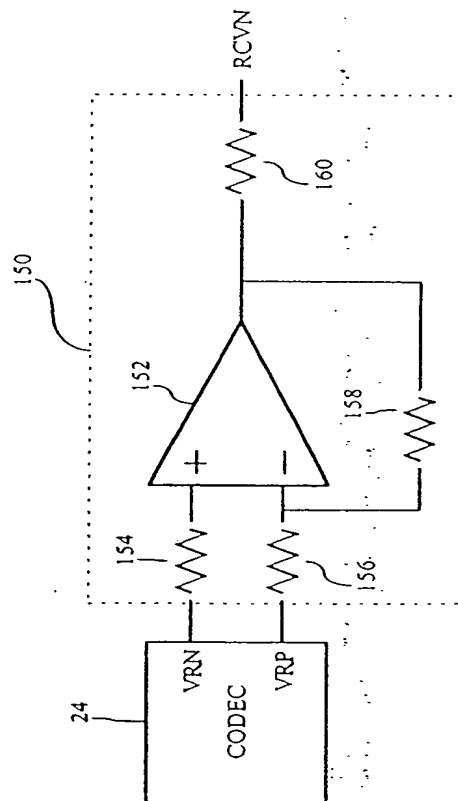
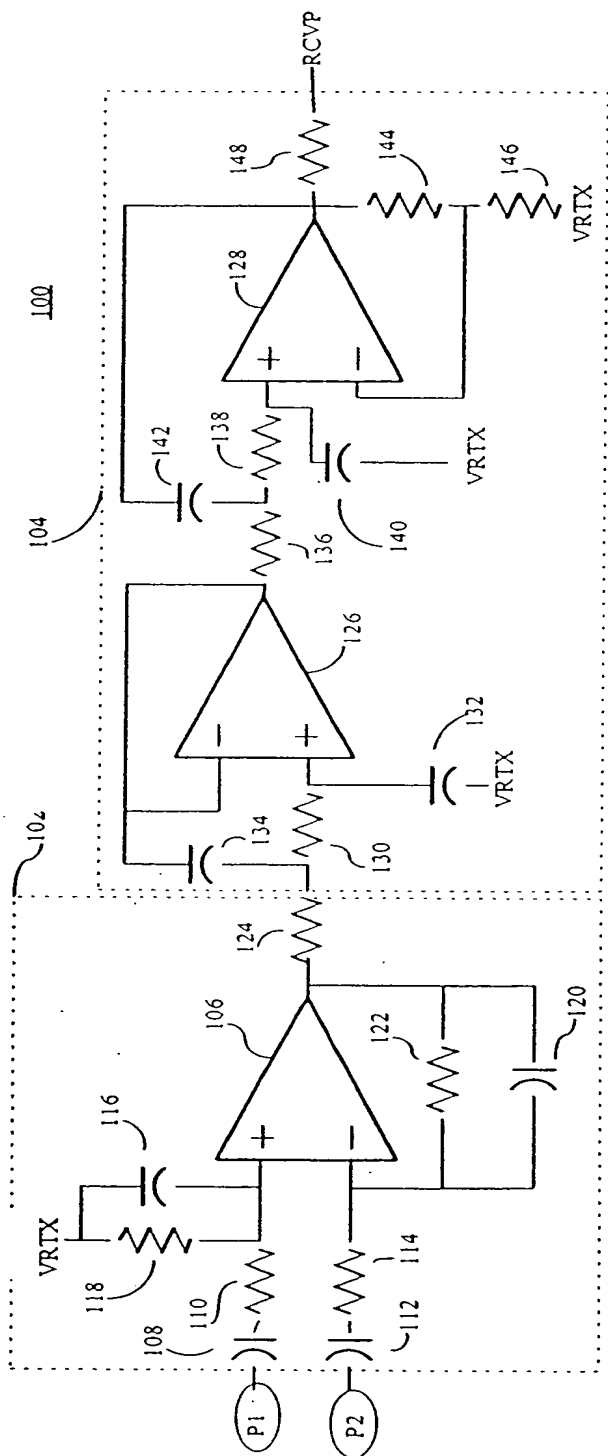


FIG. 3



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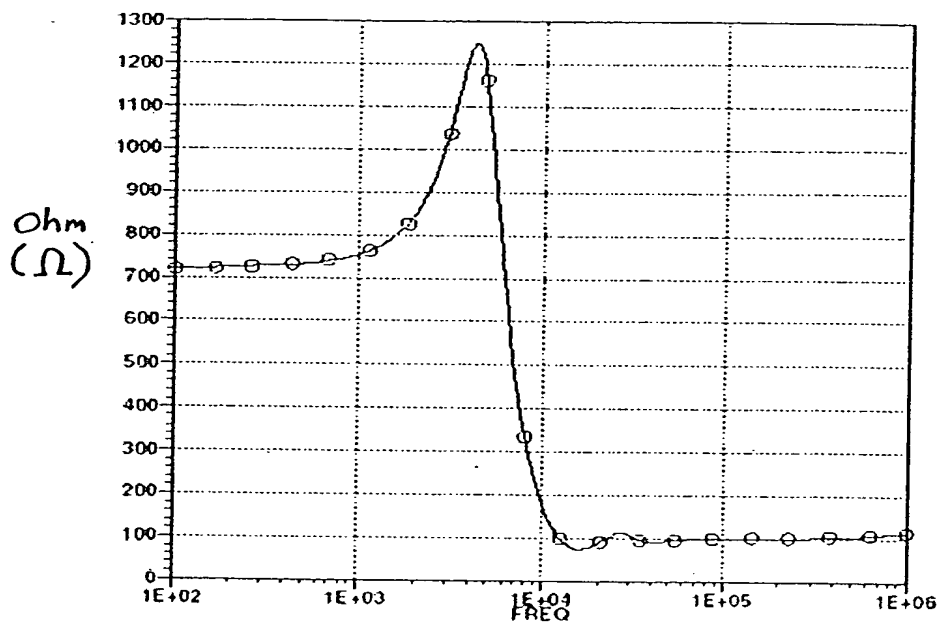


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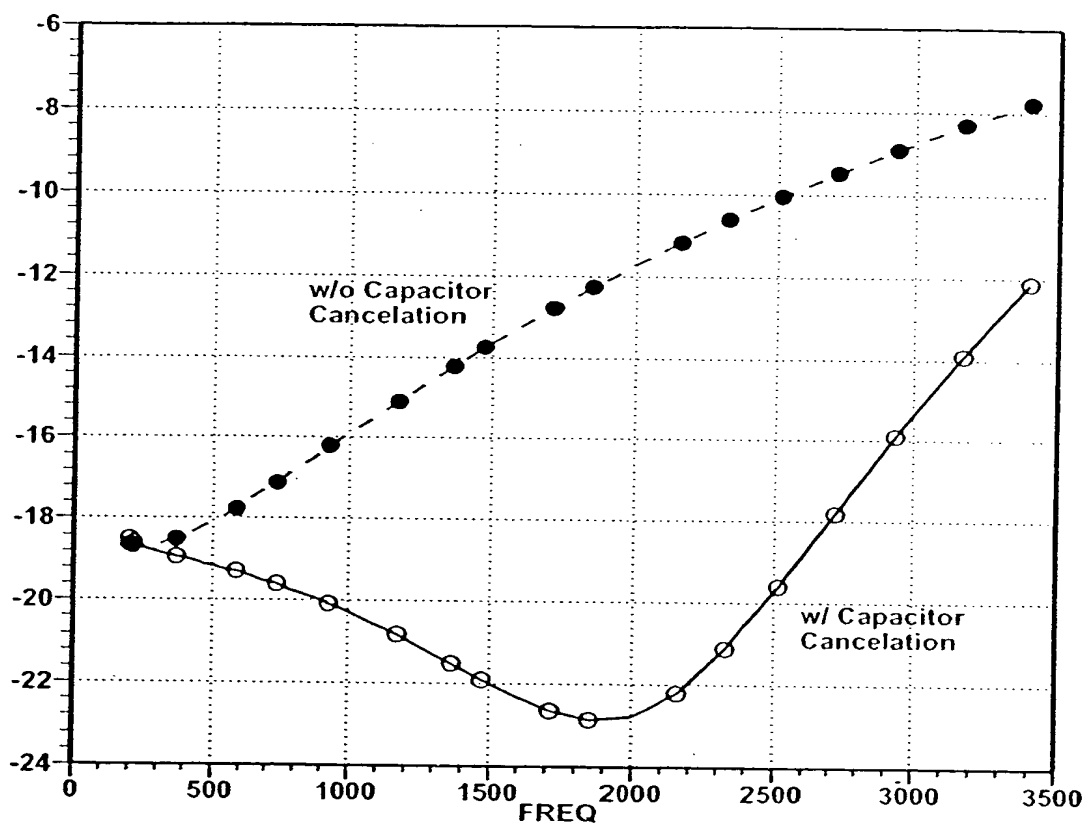


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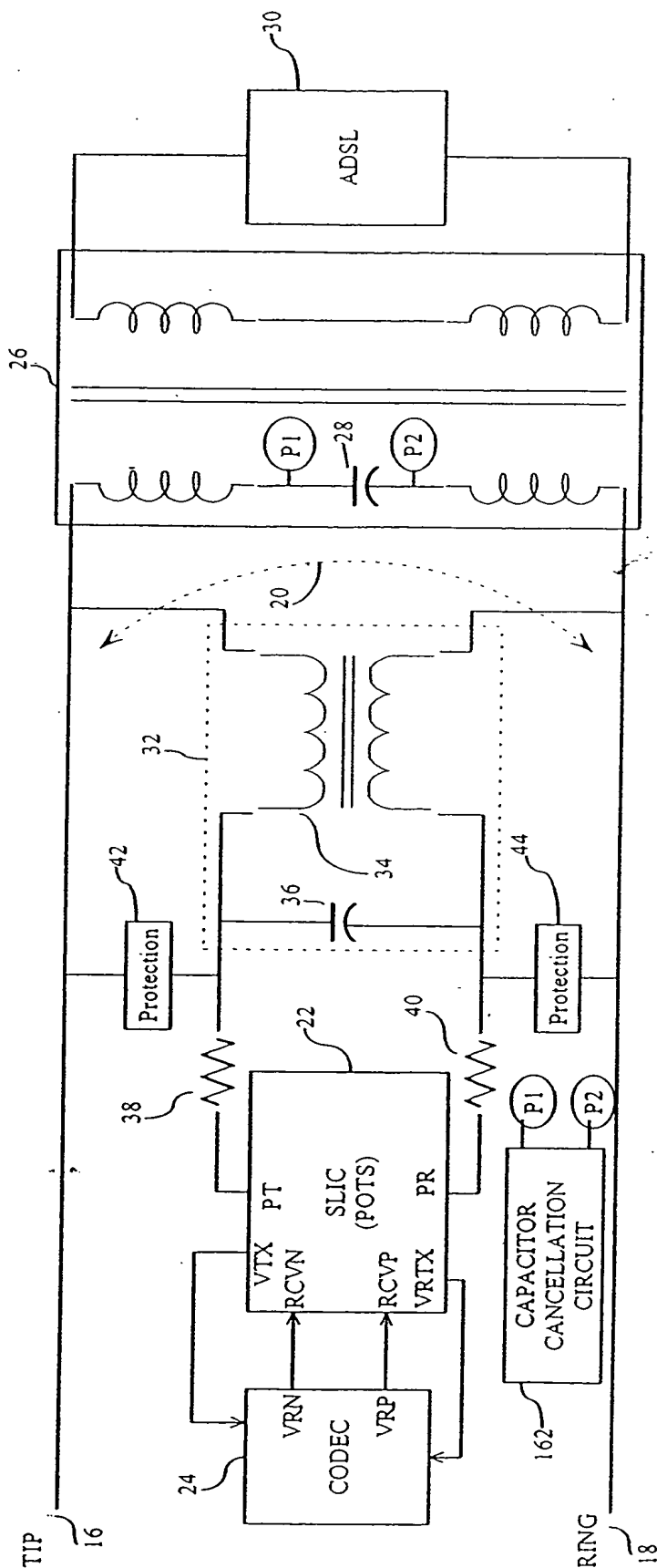


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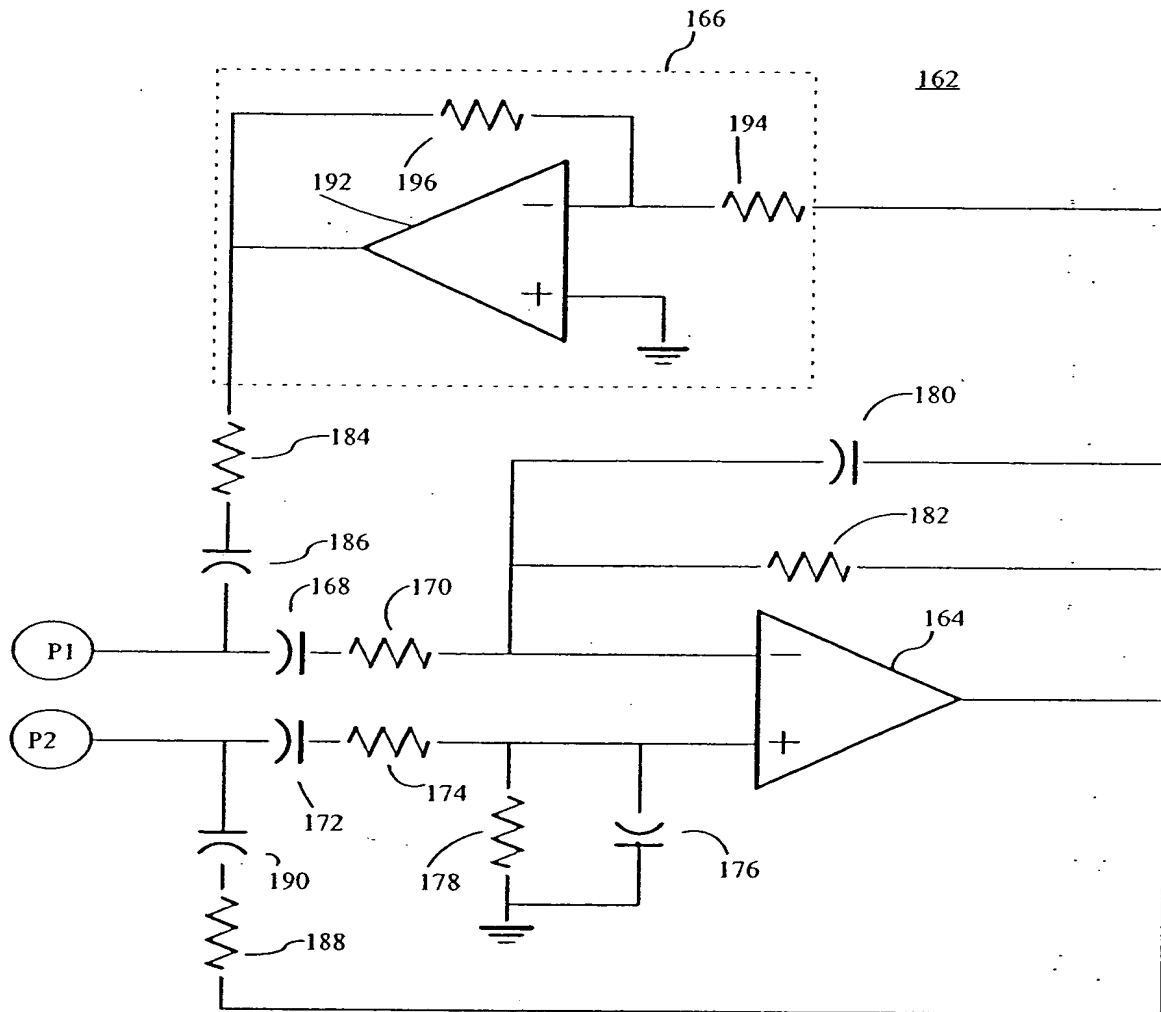


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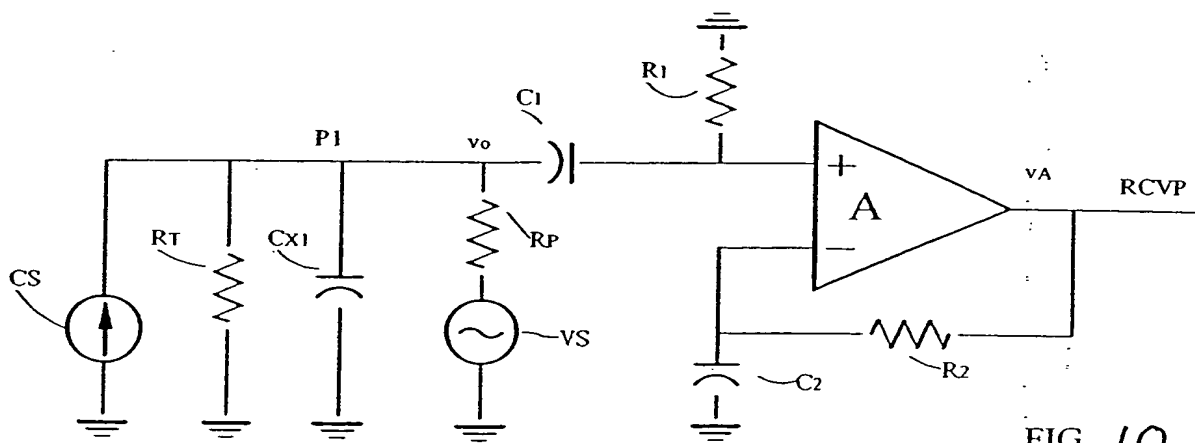


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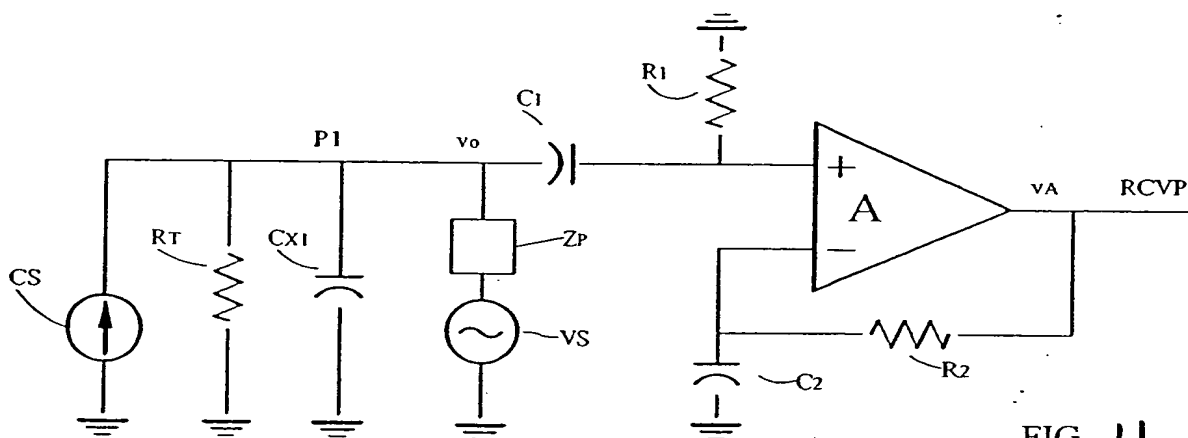


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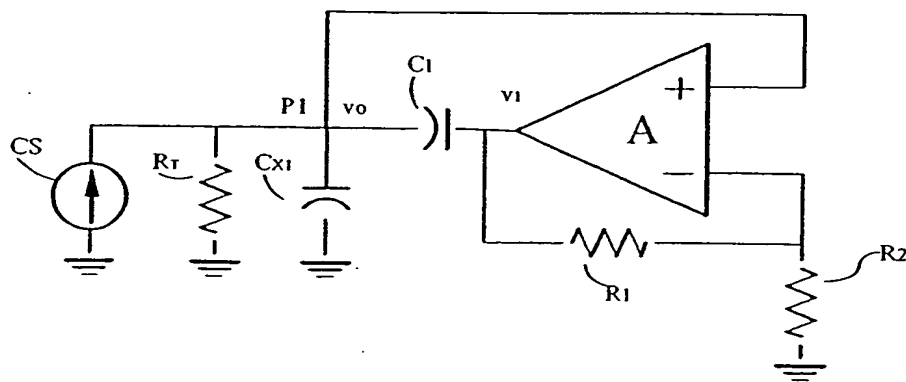


FIG. 12